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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the
3 members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to
4 congratulate the Association for the Advancement of Creative
5 Musicians (AACM) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, 50 years ago, South Side jazz musicians found
7 themselves in a musical landscape that was shifting towards
8 rock'n'roll; clubs were closing and radio stations were going
9 pop; Chicago musicians who had been employed 7-days-a-week
10 found themselves with no jobs available at all; and

11 WHEREAS, Instead of just accepting the changing musical
12 tastes, Chicago jazz musicians banded together and established
13 the AACM; they invented original musical languages, created
14 intriguing new instruments, and crafted novel ways of penning
15 scores and otherwise defied long-standing presumptions of how
16 music was supposed to be made; and

17 WHEREAS, Their work was steeped in the rituals of ancient
18 Africa and certain traditions of early New Orleans music, and
19 they managed to convey a vast sweep of black cultural history;
20 the past 5 decades have produced recordings of a vast
21 expressive and stylistic range, as well as influencing other
22 jazz demographics; and

1 WHEREAS, The AACM's motto is "Great Black Music, Ancient to
2 the Future"; and

3 WHEREAS, The AACM has kept jazz music alive throughout an
4 ever-changing musical landscape; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate the Association for the Advancement of Creative
8 Musicians on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and wish them
9 many more successful years; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the AACM as an expression of our esteem and
12 respect.